Vulnerable and sensitive sections/stations of affected States have been identified and patrolling by Government Railway Police, State Police and Railway Protection Force has been intensified.

Periodical meetings with State Administrations of affected States and police authorities are being regularly held by Railway Administration to formulate effective joint strategy to combat the problem of Naxal/Maoists attack over Railway system.

Sharing of intelligence between RPF, GRP and Intelligence Bureau of affected States have been given priority to combat Maoists attack on Railways.

Guarding of vital installations and bridges has been intensified in vulnerable and sensitive areas.

New Railway line in Assam

1670. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

whether his Ministry is considering new proposal for opening of new railway line in Assam;

whether his Ministry would conduct survey for consideration of the openings of new railway line through Barpeta, Hajo, Swalkuchi to Guwahati from Jogigopha extending the new proposed railway line from Mainaguri to Jogigopha, considering the historical importance and tourism development of those places; and

whether his Ministry has received a number of representations demanding Bijni a sub divisional headquarter in the State of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Based on demands, surveys have been taken up for new lines in Assam.

No such survey is proposed to be taken up.

No, Sir.

Electrification of railway lines in Tamil Nadu

1671. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

whether Tamil Nadu is the most backward State in electrification of railway lines;

if so, the length of railway line electrified out of the total length of railway line in the State;

whether there is any proposal to electrify all the railway lines in the State during the Eleventh Plan; and

if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU). (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of total 4121 route kilometres, 899 route kilometres are electrified in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Electrification of Villupuram-Tiruchirappalli-Madurai,

Thiruvananlhapuram-Kanniyakumari and Katpadi-Vellore Cantt. Rail lines is planned during Eleventh Plan.

Electrification of railway track is considered on economic viability and operational necessity.

Passenger trains for Gujarat

1672. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

by when the passenger trains would be restored for Navlakhi, Morbi, Dahisara Mota, Kharaghoda, Kandla, Mundra and Pipavav; and

by when the Rajkot-Indore coaches would be restored in Veraval-Jabalpur Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no station named "Mota" in this section or region. Further, Adipur-Mundra and Rajula-Pipavav are only freight lines. Further, there is no proposal to restore the passenger trains, which were cancelled due to poor patronization in remaining sectors.

(b) There is no proposal at present to restore Rajkot-Indore slip coaches in 1463/1464-1465/1466 Jabalpur-Veraval Express.

Increasing the number of coaches in trains

1673. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

the yield per coach per kilometre in case of ordinary, sleeper class, III tier A.C., II tier A.C . and I A.C. coaches;

whether it is a fact that cost of carrying a passenger is 36 paise per kilometre but the earning is only 26 paise per kilometre;

whether it is feasible to increase number of coaches from 14-17 to 20-24 in mail and express trains and thereby reach break even without raising fares; and

if so, the action plan thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Earnings per passenger kilometre (yield), class-wise, for the year 2006-07 (latest available) is furnished below.

	Earnings per passenger kilometre (Paise)
Air-conditioned 1st class	246.9
Air-conditioned 2-tier	124.9
Air-conditioned 3-tier	91.5
Sleeper class (Mail/Express)	31.8
Sleeper class (Ordinary)	23.3
Second class (Ordinary)	15.3